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Letter dated 10 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine concerning another illegal decision of the Russian Court on Nadiya Savchenko, member of the Ukrainian Parliament, member of the Ukrainian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Ukrainian Army serviceman and political prisoner illegally detained in Russia (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having this statement distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (b), and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the latest unlawful Russian Court decision in the trial of Nadiya Savchenko

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest over the dilatory tactics of the trumped-up trial of Ukrainian citizen Nadiya Savchenko and deliberate creation of life-threatening circumstances for her.

We perceive the postponement of the Court decision on Nadiya Savchenko until 21 March and denying her the right to be attended to by the Ukrainian consuls, physicians and family who came to Russia as an intentional and cynical reprisal against Ms. Savchenko, whose unbreakable will and strength of spirit have become the symbols of countering Russian aggression against Ukraine.

The unprecedented ignoring of the diplomatic immunity that Ms. Savchenko enjoys as a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe as well as neglecting her status as member of Ukraine's Parliament raise our deep concern.

We once again call upon the international community to strengthen political and diplomatic pressure upon the Russian Federation to save Nadiya Savchenko's life and her immediate release and return to Ukraine.